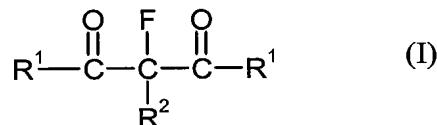


Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the preparation of compounds of the general structure (I),

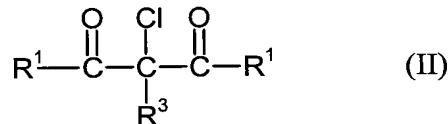


wherein

R^1 is alkoxy with 1 to 4 carbon atoms and

R^2 is hydrogen or fluorine,

comprising reacting a compound of general structure (II),



wherein

R^1 has the meaning described above and

R^3 is hydrogen, fluorine or chlorine,

with 1.4 to 2.0 mol equivalents of an addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine per mol of starting material of structure (II) with an addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine at temperatures of 103°C to 115°C at 800 to 1200 mbar normal pressure.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein R^1 is methoxy or ethoxy.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein R^2 and R^3 are hydrogen.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the temperature is from 105°C to 110°C.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine contains [[1 to]] 1.2 to 1.8 mols hydrogen fluoride per mol triethylamine.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (New) The method as described in claim 2, wherein R² and R³ are hydrogen.
8. (New) The method as described in claim 2, wherein the temperature is from 105°C to 110°C.
9. (New) The method as described in claim 2, wherein the addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine contains 1.2 to 1.8 mols hydrogen fluoride per mol triethylamine.